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FBI Special Agent in Charge, Weysan Dun, Springfield Division, announced the arrest of MICHAEL SAGE DANTON, age 23, of Ontario, Canada, and Brentwood, Missouri, and KATIE WOLFMEYER, age 19, of Florissant, Missouri. DANTON was arrested this morning in San Jose, California, by the San Francisco Division of the FBI and the San Jose Police Department. WOLFMEYER was arrested on April 15, 2004, in Brentwood, Missouri, by the Springfield and Saint Louis Divisions of the FBI.

Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois announced that a Criminal Complaint was filed today, charging DANTON and WOLFMEYER with conspiracy to cause another to travel in interstate commerce with the intent that a murder for hire be committed and one count of use of an interstate facility with the intent that a murder for hire be committed. This case has been assigned for prosecution to Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Clark. A copy of the Criminal Complaint is attached.

Each count carries a possible maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000. Each defendant is presumed innocent of the charges unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Evidence for the charges was obtained through an investigation by the FBI, Springfield, St. Louis, and San Francisco Divisions, as well as the Columbia, Illinois Police Department, and the Brentwood, Missouri Police Department. Special Agent in Charge Dun commends the cooperative efforts of all the involved agencies.